

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claim 2 is above shown to be cancelled, as requested by the Examiner, in accordance with the Preliminary Amendment filed June 26, 2003.

The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1 and 3-20 under 35 USC 103(a) in view of Ohya et al (US 2003/0008113).

The cited reference does not make the presently claimed invention to be obvious.

However, please note that under the applicant's priority claim, the filing date of priority document JP 2001-262702 is August 31, 2001. The publication date of Ohya et al. is January 9, 2003. In the Office Action dated February 6, 2006, the Examiner acknowledged receipt of the certified copies of all priority documents. The subject matter of the present claims is fully supported by the disclosure of the priority document, JP 2001-262702.

In order to perfect the applicant's claim of priority, a verified English translation of JP 2001-262702 is attached to this Amendment. Accordingly, the applicant submits that the reference of Ohya et al. should be withdrawn.

Referring to the attached copy of JP 2001-262702 (JP '702), the disclosures in the document which supports the present claims include, for example, the following:

- (1) In paragraph [0047] of JP '702, there is disclosure that a coating liquid for an ink-receptive layer was coated on a support by a slide bead

coating device and dried, and the coated material was rolled with the ink-receptive layer-coated surface outside to prepare an ink-jet recording material A.

(2) In paragraph [0049] of JP '702, there is disclosure that the resulting ink-jet recording material A was so cut in a L size (89 mm × 127 mm) that a paper feeding direction of a printer is at right angle to a flowing direction at a time of coating the ink-receptive layer.

(3) In paragraph [0064] of JP '702, there is disclosure that an image of nature was printed on the respective recording materials by using an ink-jet printer, PM-900C (trade name) manufactured by SEIKO EPSON CO.

Accordingly, JP '702, discloses a process for preparing an ink-jet recording material including preparing an ink-jet recording material cut before printing by printer. Further, in JP '702 discloses that a process for preparing ink-jet recording materials B-D is a process for preparing an ink-jet recording material cut before printing by printer.

Therefore the applicant submits that the present claims are fully supported by priority document JP 2001-262702. Withdrawal of the reference, Ohya et al. is respectfully requested.

In view of the above and the attached verified English translation of priority document, the applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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